

Abstract

A remote electronic purse payment system for use in a content provider/subscriber environment is provided. Prior to an entitlement of a subscriber to receive and/or unscramble a particular content, and at the subscriber's discretion, a corresponding amount is debited on an electronic purse card (16) and corresponding transaction data are temporarily stored in a protected local storage within a CAM module (14) associated with the subscriber. The stored transaction data are protected against unauthorized access and cannot be withheld from authorized collection by the content provider. Entitlement to receive and/or unscramble the particular content is enabled locally within the CAM module (14). Deferred financial transactions are performed on demand of the content provider and over a remote communication channel to collect transaction data stored in the protected local storage. As an alternative, prepaid value points are deducted from the electronic purse card (16) and stored in the protected storage for later collection by the provider.

Fig. 1